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* 117 *Q*.—Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present strength of the Madras Law College;

(*b*) the percentage of those who require hostel accommodation;

(*c*) whether there are any hostel facilities for them; and

(*d*) if not, whether there is any proposal to construct a new hostel for them?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 1,226 students.

(*b*) 43 (roughly).

(*c*) Yes, Sir.

(*d*) Does not arise.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know whether the students of the Law College are at present put to lot of inconvenience and difficulty as they do not have a hostel for themselves?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I am sorry the hon. Member is one year out of date. Just in the beginning of this academic year, a separate hostel has been started for the benefit of the students of the Law College. The Old Medical College Hostel is now the Law College Hostel.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Not that I know of it. I just wanted to draw the attention of the Hon. Minister. That is all. Is it not a fact that the distance from the Law College to this hostel is three or four miles? Apart from the distance, they have to spend so much time in coming from the College and going to the College from the Hostel and incidentally they have also to spend some money by way of bus charges. That being the case, may I know whether the Government could think of selecting a suitable site and locating the hostel very near the Law College itself, if such a site is available so that the students may be spared some money and time?

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I also know whether in the alternative, the Government could provide some transport facilities?

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Let the Hon. Minister answer my question first.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : I have put my question so that the Hon. Minister could answer both the questions.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, may I know whether it is permissible for two Members to put questions like this?

Mr. CHAIRMAN : No.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Members should not think that I am preferring one Member to another.

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MR. CHAIRMAN : The Hon. Minister may answer Mr. Raza Khan's question.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, in the meantime, I have forgotten the hon. Member's question. (Laughter.) So, I request him to repeat his question.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : In view of the fact that the Old Medical College Hostel which is now used as the hostel for the Law College students is situated at a distance of about 3 or 4 miles from the Law College and as the students have to spend a good deal of time and money in coming to the College from the hostel, will the Government think of the possibility of providing a hostel for the students of the College very near the College itself?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Formerly, they had no hostel accommodation at all. They were living in different parts of the City. Now, they have been given this benefit of living in a hostel. I do not think there has been any difficulty for them to reach their college. After all, we know the Law College. They have got sufficient time to reach the place and then go back to their hostel.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider the necessity of Government transport for the purpose of helping the students to reach the College from the Hostel in time?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think that question should be addressed to the Hon. the Minister in charge of Transport.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : If the argument of the Hon. Minister, viz., that because those students had not any hostel facility in the past, they should be satisfied with the present hostel, is to be accepted, I am afraid there cannot be practically any development. Will the Government consider the desirability, as a matter of principle, of locating those hostels very near the Colleges in which the students are studying so that the students may not be put to any inconvenience and needless expenditure?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I am sorry the hon. Member has started arguing. That is not the way of putting questions.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : I am sorry it is not for the Hon. Minister to say that. I may be wrong and the Hon. Minister may be right. Whatever it is, it is for the Chair to say how I should put the question. It is not for the Hon. Minister to teach me how I should put the question.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is my answer. I do not think even the Chair can point out in what way I should answer.